

SENATE BILL NO. 306

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ANY PROJECTS DESIGNATED FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 2 BE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY; AND PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM EXPENDING ANY RESOURCES FOR CONSTRUCTION ON U.S. HIGHWAY 2 UNLESS THEY ARE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 60-2-133, MCA, is amended to read:

"60-2-133. U.S. highway 2 -- planning -- funding. (1) ~~The commission~~ Whenever any portion of U.S. highway 2 from the North Dakota border to the Idaho border, except the portion that borders Glacier national park, is designated for construction or reconstruction by the commission under 60-2-110, the commission shall direct the department to construct a four-lane highway ~~generally along the present route of U.S. highway 2 from the North Dakota border to the Idaho border~~ in order to increase tourism and to bring economic development to Montana. Planning for ~~the U.S. highway 2 project~~ four-lane projects must be included in any future fiscal plan developed by the department.

(2) The department ~~shall seek additional federal funding that does not require a state funding match for the U.S. highway 2 project.~~

~~———(3) The department may not expend any resources on the U.S. highway 2 project that would jeopardize any future highway projects~~ may not expend any resources on U.S. highway 2 construction unless they are used for construction of a four-lane highway."

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